

Ransom E. Olds House
720 S. Washington Avenue & Main St.
Lansing
Ingham County
Michigan

HABS No. MI-231

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Michigan	COUNTY Ingham	TOWN OR VICINITY Lansing
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Ransom E. Olds House		HABS NO. MI-231
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 720 S. Washington Avenue at Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1904	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) D.D. Moon	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) 20th century mansion representative of the taste, materials and craftsmanship of its era.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick and stone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) two-and-a-half stories; L-plan; approximately 55' x 75'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Hip roof, gables, corner towers, front doors with beveled plate glass designed in a geometric pattern; pair of elliptical windows on east front, wooden cornice with frieze		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) oak paneling and trim; music room with landscape paintings on panels; decorative pipe organ along west wall made by Aeolian Co., New York; ballroom on third floor; sun porch with painted and mirrored panels		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1920-1930 -- added to on the north, pool added 1952 -- east front roof towers removed		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The major part of the naturalistic garden was added on the north side in the 1920's.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Michigan HABS Catalogue, 1967		
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